



## YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message

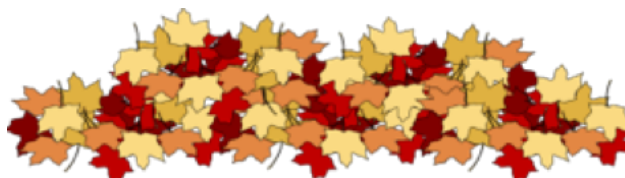
Well, the rain and cold have arrived and some days the weather has been a bit of a challenge; nevertheless, things are moving rapidly towards Christmas. Sadly, we will not be preparing for a schoolwide Christmas Concert; however, carols are still filling the air and you begin to realize that the school year is moving at a very quick pace.

As I visited classrooms this month, it was noted that teachers were busy working with students as they prepared for the Virtual Three Way Conferences. The teachers are very excited about this reporting method for it is believed that by having a meaningful discussion together about your child's progress, areas of improvement, and goals, then your child's learning will not only be more meaningful, but also will be better supported. Please feel free to provide any feedback to your child's teacher (or to me) regarding this reporting process.

Lastly, the PAC is beginning to embark on a few COVID-friendly fundraisers. We would like to thank our PAC for their leadership and organization regarding these opportunities. We also appreciate your generosity and community spirit when supporting the various fundraisers. Parental involvement is so important to the success of any school and we value both your input and incredible efforts that make Yennadon a very special school!

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



### Upcoming Events

**Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**

Wed., Dec. 2

Thurs., Dec. 3

**December 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

Tues., Dec. 8

Fri., Dec. 18

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Christmas Hamper Drive** – *donations requested*

9:00 am Monthly Assembly (in school Zoom)

PAC Fundraiser Neufeld Farms Pick-Up (Outdoors)

7:00 pm PAC Meeting (via Zoom)

**Tweens & Teens Christmas Gift Drive** (Leadership Team sponsored)

PAC Fundraiser Purdy's Chocolates Pick-Up (Outdoors)

**Last day of school before Christmas Break**

**Spirit Day – Pajama Day!**

**Christmas Break**

**School reopens after Christmas Break**

### Terry Fox Run

This year, we participated in Terry Fox walks/runs during the last two weeks of September. We sent online pledge information home and accepted cash donations at the school. **We raised \$1854.70 to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation.** On behalf of everyone at Yennadon, I would like to thank you for your generous donations.



### Food Bank Drive

A huge thank you to Mrs. White, the Leadership Club, and all of you for your generous donations during October. The Yennadon community donated approximately **2300 lbs of non-perishable food items** to the Friends in Need Food Bank in Maple Ridge. It was an amazing effort and will be very well received by those in our community who are in need. We certainly opened up our hearts and our pantry cupboards. Way to go, Yennadon!

### Remembrance Day Assembly

Ms. Thorburn and Mrs. Robertson's classes, with the help of Mrs. Escueta, presented at this year's Remembrance Day assembly. This event is used by our teachers to discuss the many contributions made by the Canadian military around the world and over many years. Although this year's ceremony was virtual, it was still exceptional. The demonstration of respect from our students towards those who fought for our freedom was truly inspiring.



### Yennadon Three Way Conferences, Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Yennadon follows the student led conferencing model for reporting. This model of reporting involves the classroom teacher, the parent(s), and the child having an in-depth, meaningful discussion about the child's learning. If you have not had a chance to visit the district website and learn about our student inclusive reporting, please do so at <http://www.sd42.ca/> and click the PARENTS tab and then Reporting and Assessment. Here you will find that there are questions and answers, videos, report/conference templates, and other information. **Remember that we also dismiss early at 11:30 am on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>,** for conferences.



Given the provincial health guidelines for educational settings, our Term 1 Reporting process will look slightly different this year. The conference will still occur with the teacher, the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the student. The main difference is that this conference will occur **over Zoom** and will be a bit shorter than usual (10–15 min. instead of the usual 20–30 min.). Be sure to sign up for a Zoom conference time with your child's teacher.

### Leadership Club Initiative

Yennadon's Leadership Club is giving back to our community with Yennadon's **Tweens and Teens Christmas Gift Drive!** It will be from **December 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**. If you are able, please donate a new, unwrapped item to our Tweens and Teens Gift Drive that will benefit Maple Ridge Christmas Hamper Society. Please send your items to the office collection box.

## **School Closures**

On rare occasions schools may be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. Public announcements affecting closure of schools will be made by the Superintendent of Schools. For the purpose of announcing emergency closures prior to the opening of schools, the radio stations listed below will be contacted by the district office. The announcements will be made between 6:15 and 7:00 a.m.

**News 1130 AM      CKNW - 980 AM      CBC - 690 AM      Global TV news**



As well, you can check the school district website and district social media feeds for updates:  
[www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca)      **SD42 Twitter feed** ([@sd42news](https://twitter.com/sd42news))      **SD42 Facebook feed**

When schools are closed, we cannot make calls home to let you know; nor, can we answer all the phone calls to ask if school is open.

## **Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders**

A reminder that in accord with COVID-19 protocols, we ask parents to consider spending as little time as possible on the school grounds. If you do not have to wait with your children, please do not do so. If you need to wait with your children, we need your cooperation to:



- Physically distance from other adults and children who are not your own, as per the Provincial Health Officer's guidelines
- Remain well clear (say, 5 metres or 15 feet) of the school building and where children are lining up
- Stay clear of the outside classroom doors (student only zones) in order to allow students to enter/exit safely
- Not congregate on the school property to socialize
- Leave the property as soon as you have dropped off your child

We have received many phone calls and emails from parents concerned about the lack of physical distancing and congregation of adults on the property. Let's work together to keep everyone safe!

## **Yennadon School is an Allergy Sensitive Zone**

We think we have been doing quite well in terms of being sensitive to our students with severe nut allergies. We have asked that students not bring foods containing nut products, if possible, and teachers have been sensitive about not having students eat food with nut products in the classroom. Thanks for your cooperation as we continue to promote an awareness of our severe nut allergies. As we move into the Christmas season, it is especially important to be careful about the types of food that are sent for your child's snack and lunch. Please try not to send snacks or treats that contain nut products. This will help us provide a safe environment for all of our students. As always, we want to thank you for your support of this program at Yennadon.

## **Staying in Touch!**

For quick reminders and updates, follow us on Twitter [@YennadonSD42](https://twitter.com/YennadonSD42).



For Yennadon PAC updates follow [@yennpac](https://twitter.com/yennpac) on Twitter [@yennadonpac](https://www.instagram.com/yennadonpac) on Instagram and the Yennadon PAC Website at [www.yennadonpac.weebly.com](http://www.yennadonpac.weebly.com)

For up-to-date COVID-19 Information relating to School District 42 visit:

<https://www.sd42.ca/information-community-coronavirus/>



## **Parking Reminders**

Parking at Yennadon is always a chore. Please remember that **both the main building and Annex parking lots are closed to parents for parking during morning drop-off and after-school pick-up times.** Also, please do not park at the Black Sheep Pub parking lot as this space is reserved for their customers.



If you can, please try to park elsewhere and walk. The best parking places are the gravel area across from the gas station on 128<sup>th</sup> or down by Maple Ridge Park. If you choose to use the “drop off loop” at the main building, please do not stop on the inside of the loop. Also, it is best to pull to the right and forward as far as you can when dropping off/picking up. Please do not let your child off in the street and ask them to walk between cars. Finally, any areas where there is a yellow curb, you must remain in your vehicle.

We do appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for some of you but ask for your patience and understanding with this practice. We have found our parking lot to be much safer for the students as a result.

## **Dressing for the Fall Weather**

**We spend all of our recess and lunch time outside** and with the cooler temperatures and rainy weather upon us, we ask that you ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. If your child has a tendency to get wet and muddy during recess/lunch activities, we suggest that you send an extra set of clothing each day to avoid having to bring dry clothes to the school when such accidents occur. Also, as the rains seem to be increasing, please consider having your child wear boots to school and to bring a dry pair of inside shoes to change into.



## **Parent Portal Consent Forms – Important**

Several years ago, the student Internet Acceptable Use Policy was moved exclusively to the Parent Portal. This change enables the district to track parent/guardian consent, and to honour parent/guardian requests with respect to Internet access for their child. **Please ensure that you have completed the 2020/2021 SD42 Consent Forms on the portal.** There are several important permission forms to complete: Personal Information Consent, Outside Media Release, Student Emergency Release Form, Yearbook Consent, Walking Field Trip, Student Use of Google Drive Services, Walking Field Trip Permission Form, and Internet Use Permission. Please read through each form in order to give permission or not provide permission for each child in your family at Yennadon Elementary.

## **Supporting All Learners 2019/20 Annual Report**

This report provides a review of the school district’s strategic priorities in support of all learners, addressing the following four key areas of focus: improved learning and assessment, secondary innovations, literacy, and social emotional learning. The full report is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/district-reports/>.



## **Kindergarten Registration Process 2021 – 2022**

Registering your child for kindergarten is a big step, but it doesn't have to be a difficult one. With the easy new online registration process, you can register your child from the comfort of your own home.

Review the registration steps below to ensure you are ready for the big day. **Complete steps 1-4 before registration** to save time.

### **STEP 1: OPEN A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT**

You must open an *SD42 Parent Portal account* to access registration. If possible, complete this step well before registration.

### **STEP 2: FIND YOUR REGISTRATION DATE**

Review the registration categories (**SIBLING, CHOICE, GENERAL**) to find your registration period. Dates are posted on the school district website. Registration for the 2021/22 school year will open January 6, 2021.

### **STEP 3: REVIEW THE REGISTRATION FORM**

Review a copy of the online registration form before registration day. (Available starting January 2021 at <http://parents.sd42.ca>)

### **STEP 4: REVIEW ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA**

The order in which the district places new kindergarteners is determined by the *Acceptance Criteria*. Review these online.

### **STEP 5: REGISTER**

Register your child at <http://parents.sd42.ca>

### **STEP 6: PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Once you receive email notification of your child's tentative placement, you must bring supporting documents to that school.

For more information visit <http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration>. You can download the 2021-22 Kindergarten Registration brochure.



## **Kindergarten Registration Categories**

**Sibling: January 6 – 12, 2021**

**Choice: January 20 – 25, 2021**

**General: February 3 – 10, 2021**

**Late: February 24 – July 31, 2021**

**All registration phases open at 12:00 noon online. Any child who turns 5 years old in 2021 (born in 2016) is eligible to register for the 2021/22 school year.**



**Make this holiday one the kids will not forget. Pick up a SnowPass for your 4th or 5th grader and get them skiing and snowboarding this season.**

Only a month until the Christmas break! Wondering what to do with the kids this holiday season to keep them busy? Well, worry no more! The Canadian Ski Council has the ticket, literally. The CSC's Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass provides children in grade 4 and 5 with **two lift tickets at each of the 125+ participating ski areas across Canada for just \$29.99**. That's enough skiing and snowboarding to keep them busy all winter long!

Skiing and snowboarding are two of Canada's hottest winter sports and millions of parents know that it's the best way to keep their little bundles of joy active and entertained during the winter.



With the holidays coming up, the Canadian Ski Council understands that budgets are tight. That's why for the past 20 years we have been dedicated to making it easy and affordable for all parents to get their kids started in skiing and snowboarding.

The Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass is a national program and can be used at over 125 ski areas across Canada, including ski areas in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic Canada, and the Yukon. So, no matter where you live, everyone can take advantage of this fantastic offer. To see a full list of participating ski areas, please visit <https://www.skicanada.org/>.

Registering your child for a SnowPass is easy and any child in grade 4 or 5 is eligible (or those born in 2010 or 2011). Just visit <https://www.skicanada.org/>, upload your child's picture and proof of age, enter your method of payment, and presto - your child's personalized SnowPass will be mailed directly to your home within days.

With all the snow that's falling on the mountains, it's never too soon to get your children outside on the slopes and take full advantage of the savings that the SnowPass program offers. So, this holiday season, bundle up the kids and hit the slopes!

Grade 4 and 5 SnowPass information and applications are available online at <https://www.skicanada.org/>. Log on today and get them in time for this holiday season! Applications will be accepted until the end of February 2021.